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HEALTH CARE TO ANIMALS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that attention is not being paid towards animal health care in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the disease diagnostic lab are not fully equipped and operational;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof;

(d) whether the funds allocated for the purpose are not being utilised properly;

(e) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(f) the measures taken to give better attention to animal health care?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a): No, Sir.

(b) & (c): The State have their own set up of Animal Disease DiagnosticLaboratories at various levels. In order to provide referral facilities, one Central and four Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratories, one in each region, have been set up under a Central Sector Scheme.

(d) & (e): The funds allocated for this purpose are being utilised properly. During 1999-2000, an amount of Rs.81.00 lakhs was released to the regional laboratories and Rs.300.00 lakhs provided at revised estimate stage, have already been released to the Central and the Regional laboratories for their strengthening during 2000-2001.

(f): Animal husbandry is a State subject and animal health care activities are undertaken by the States.However, the Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments by way of providing central assistance under the following schemes:
(i) Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases;
(ii) Animal Disease Management and Regulatory Medicine; and
(iii) National Project on Rinderpest Eradication.